

# Hus Happenings

November 2007

## Routinely grateful

When a national day of thanksgiving was established on the fourth Thursday in November, it was not because that was a particularly thankful day. It was intentionally chosen precisely because of its arbitrariness to remind us to say "thanks" on a daily basis for the bounties God has heaped upon our lives.

For Christians, every Sunday is a Thanksgiving feast day. Every Sunday at worship, we give thanks for the greatest event ever to hit planet Earth, the greatest "opening" in human history — the open tomb, testifying to Jesus' resurrection. Every Sunday is Thanksgiving Sunday. Every Sunday dinner is Thanksgiving dinner.

## Thanksgiving Baskets for Shut-ins



Sign up to deliver Thanksgiving baskets to the shut ins in the narthex. Donations of items are needed to fill the baskets. Please contact the office for more details.

## November Birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup>	Clara Hamilton
6 <sup>th</sup>	Trevor Gretten
7 <sup>th</sup>	Martha Kubik
7 <sup>th</sup>	Cheryl Bartunek
7 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Abney
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mitchell Trotman
12 <sup>th</sup>	Wyatt Reisetter
12 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Brosh
15 <sup>th</sup>	Linden Schulz
18 <sup>th</sup>	Rick Black
19 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Cervený
19 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Cross
19 <sup>th</sup>	Virginia Kloubec
19 <sup>th</sup>	Pam VandeZandschulp
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Michelle Hess
27 <sup>th</sup>	Danaca Page
27 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Raim
30 <sup>th</sup>	Jean White



## November Anniversaries

6 <sup>th</sup>	Brian & Laura Abney	8 years
11 <sup>th</sup>	Bob & Ruby Warren	29 years
17 <sup>th</sup>	Terry & Diane Van Wyk	7 years

## PULPIT FILLS FOR NOVEMBER

4 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Cheryl McCullough
11 <sup>th</sup>	Everett Eschen
18 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Cheryl McCullough
25 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Graham

### Transportation provided by the Deacons

Please call the office by the Thursday to schedule a ride to church. A Deacon will return your call and arrange to pick you up and take you home following worship service.

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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

VETERANS  
DAY



NOVEMBER 11, 2007





## Operation Serve Update

## CARE UPDATE ON OPERATION SERVE 2007

On Saturday, the October 20<sup>th</sup> Serve the City partners had an awesome day with a large CARE initiative from 8:00 AM until Noon. The planning for this special day to serve our community had been in the planning for over a year. Operation Serve 2007 is an important aspect of the Care portion in our Prayer, Care, and Share initiative for the Linn County region. 340 volunteers from 27 area churches and ministries served 30 schools in 5 area districts by painting, raking leaves, clearing weeds, sweeping, and trimming.

Charles Daugherty (Serve the City) has spoken to several of the schools building and grounds managers and received the following comments:

- ✚ Cedar Rapids Schools – Tom is VERY happy and all his building engineers were appreciative of the work AND the attitudes of those serving. He is open to this being an annual event. We exceeded his expectations.
- ✚ Marion Schools – They had 5 locations we could not get to for lack of help BUT they were amazed at what we did. “I cannot find words to express my gratitude.” We exceeded his expectations.
- ✚ Linn-Mar – The building and grounds man said he could tell the difference from his truck as he drove by two of the schools on his way to the office this morning.

Some other comments that have been received are:

- ✚ The “people had a mind to work” – although smaller in number than asked for, these volunteers REALLY worked hard!
- ✚ One of the teachers at Linn-Mar told us the staff would be VERY appreciative when they came in on Monday.

Some other amazing things at the schools:

- ✚ One of our pastors, who was also the site manager, divided some of his flowers and brought them to the school (Linn-Mar).
- ✚ One of our local greenhouses donated a large amount of fall flowers and bulbs for spring to one of the schools (Linn-Mar).

84 people converged on 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church and packaged 14,472 meals for Kids Against Hunger! Each of the participants raised \$42 each to help cover the cost of ingredients and shipping charges. This international food relief organization works to save the lives of starving people around the globe by packing a fortified rice-soy chicken flavored casserole with 6 dried vegetables and over 20 vitamins and minerals. This special mixture was created by a team of food scientists to fight the affects of starvation and cause the human body to begin to recover. Each 13.8 oz. bag contains six 1-cup meals at the cost of 25 cents per meal. Simply said ... this is the answer to our world hunger problem. Because of its formulation any people group in the world can use it!

The Blood Drive at St. Mark's Lutheran Church was also a great success. There was a goal of 60 donors and 71 people showed up! A total of 64 pints of blood are now at an area blood bank for local use. The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center workers gave us a good report along with many smiles from the workers and donors.

There was a central prayer room at The Alliance Church that was staffed from 7:30 AM to 1 PM. The Serve The City area prayer team had a list of the 30 school locations and the names of each of the volunteers. The prayer team also had a visual for the blood drive and for Kids Against Hunger. Every volunteer that was pre-registered had their name called out loud and they were then prayed for.

Charles has had no reports of any injuries! With 14 chain saws going (that he knows of), 26 people up on roofs, a handful on ladders painting, axes, machetes, weed whackers etc. going, no injuries. One of the pastors had his machete fly off the tree and into his leg but no skin was broken! This is a real praise the Lord.

There were less than 10 who were not able to be there, HOWEVER, we had over 20 show up that had not pre-registered! Both of these numbers are amazing!





# *Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service*

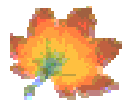


*November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM.*

*at Hope Lutheran Church*

*Volunteers are needed to bring cookies and to  
help with the service.*

*Please call the office or see the sign up sheet  
in the narthex.*





# Rotational Sunday School Exploring God's World

Hus Church Sunday School is from  
10:45am-11:30am each Sunday

**KIDS AGES 3-5<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE WILL MEET  
IN THE SCRIPTURE  
SAFARI ROOM.  
FROM THERE,  
WE'LL DIRECT THE  
KIDS TO THEIR  
STATION FOR THE  
DAY.**

In rotational  
Sunday School  
this fall, we will  
be studying the  
life of Moses!

## The Stations:

Imagination Island:  
Creative Art

Bible Broadway:  
Drama

Movies on the Mount:  
Video

SCRIPTURE  
SAFARI:  
Bible Exploration

Polar PC:  
Computers

THERE'S A NEW  
CLASS THIS YEAR  
FOR MIDDLE  
SCHOOL KIDS!  
THEY HAVE THEIR  
OWN ROOM AND  
CINDY WILL BE  
THEIR TEACHER!

Youth in  
High School  
will meet in the  
Youth Room  
for  
Sunday School  
with Marcia,  
Terry and Diane.

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**Adults meet in the upstairs Adult Sunday School Room for  
class with Judy! Come join in the discussion. Anyone is  
welcome.**

# Vision for Venezuela

Summer 2007

**Christina Vail**

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## Christina Joins Staff with Vida Estudiantil

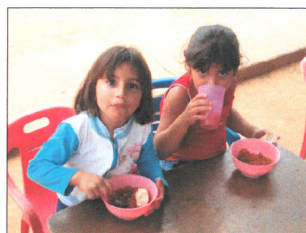
The majority of my summer was spent in Ft. Collins, Colorado, getting trained as staff with Vida Estudiantil (Campus Crusade for Christ). I took two seminary classes, was trained in ministry development and leadership skills, and also learned about the many diverse ministries of CCC. It was such an encouragement to share stories and experiences with missionaries from so many nations!

I had the privilege of meeting quite a few people serving God full-time in Latin America. One night we all got together for a time of Spanish prayer and worship. It was so special to praise the Lord again in Spanish, and it reminded me how very much I miss Venezuela!

In addition to the new staff curriculum, I was able to attend various workshops at staff training. Several highlighted the "Good News, Good Deeds" component of our ministry, which is very close to my heart. It has been my vision for us in Venezuela to reach out to our community and be the hands and feet of Jesus, as we share His message of love and salvation. I learned how missionaries from all over the globe are connecting their students with local orphanages, hospitals, and soup kitchens, remembering the words of Christ, "...whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you do for Me." (Matthew 25:40)

This year in Maracaibo, student leaders have

formed a team that is committed to organizing and recruiting for such outreaches (see picture), and I am excited to go back and share new ideas with them!



These Venezuelan children are provided a free lunch and hear about Jesus' love

Now that training is over, I am back in the Midwest, where I have been getting lots of prayer and chiropractic treatments for my headaches. I know that God has me here right now for a reason, so I am just trusting Him with it all!

### PRAISE

- For our two new interns in Maracaibo (one American, one Venezuelan) who have chosen to serve the Lord with Vida Estudiantil this year.

### PRAYER

- For the ministry in Venezuela, as they are about to kick off the new semester.

- For healing of chronic headaches (I have had them for 7 months now).

- For much needed financial provision. When I am at full support (and when I am healed), I can return to Venezuela!

**THANK  
YOU &  
GOD  
BLESS!!!**



## Venezuelan Students Hit the Mission Trail!



Venezuelan students reach out in the Amazon jungle

Back in Venezuela, the ministry continues to thrive. This summer was an excit-

ing time for our students, as many had the opportunity to experience missions for themselves! One group of 27 headed into the Amazon jungle to work with indigenous people. These students and staff worked alongside a local church to share the gospel with the various tribes there. They held a Vacation Bible School, taught handi-

craft courses for women, and distributed 500 gift boxes from Samaritan's Purse. They also showed the CCC Jesus film, a movie about the life of Christ, based on the book of Luke. This film has been translated into 1,025 languages and dialects and shown to over 6.2 million people around the entire globe.

In July, a group of 13 Venezuelan student leaders headed to South Korea for Campus Mission 2007, an international conference where 29 different countries were represented. Students received training in leadership and missions. They also got a taste of heaven — worshipping with believers from all over the world!



### His Hands Involvement with Linn Community Care

By Andi Doane, Clinic Director

In the last newsletter I briefly mentioned the new Linn Community Care Clinic. Since then, there has been a lot of talk in the media about it and you may have even heard our name mentioned a few times.

Linn Community Care (LCC) is a federally qualified health center, which means it receives money from the federal government to serve the uninsured. Paid staff will offer a medical home for those who can not afford medical care. Services will be offered either for free or at a sliding fee scale based on an individual's income. The clinic will operate through the current Mercy Family Practice Center and St. Luke's Family Health Center. We believe that there will still be a need for our clinic and see LCC as a place to refer patients who have numerous medical problems and would benefit from having a personal primary care doctor.

LCC will also offer a homeless outreach clinic which will be held at our facility one to two times a week. They will provide the staff and we will provide the facility and equipment for them to see homeless patients. Their clinic will not interfere with our current services, hours, or mission. It is likely the homeless clinic will start after the first of the year.

#### Prayer Updates

Would you like to know how to pray for the clinic and our patients? Regular prayer updates can be received via email. If you would like to receive these updates please contact us at: [director@hishandsclinic.org](mailto:director@hishandsclinic.org).

#### Calendar

RSVP at 862-2636 if you are interested in attending any of these events.

**Prayer Support Training for current volunteers** -  
October 23 at 5:30 p.m.

**Prayer Support Orientation for NEW Volunteers** -  
October 23 at 6:30 p.m.

#### Did You Know...

There are 33 free clinics in Iowa.

1.9 million Americans are served annually by free clinics.

**"To bring glory to God by meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those without adequate resources."**



## His Hands Needs

### Volunteer Needs...

**Prayer Support Volunteers**-We are looking for committed Christians who would be willing to receive training (see the calendar) to pray with and for patients.

**Follow-up Nurse**-Do you have nursing experience and enjoy caring for not only people's physical needs but also their emotional and spiritual needs? We are looking for individuals to phone patients following their visits. The time commitment is flexible.

**Appointment Scheduling**-We are looking for individuals who would be willing to answer phones and schedule patients for appointments. We need individuals the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday or the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 11:30 am to 1 pm.

**Donation Assistant**-Are you comfortable working on a computer and are well organized? We are looking for a volunteer who will assist with entering data into a new database and updating information. Flexible day time hours are available.

*For more details and additional openings go to [www.hishandsclinic.org](http://www.hishandsclinic.org)*

### Our Wish List...

- A small filing cabinet with a lock and keys
- Paper Towels
- Kleenex
- Small Garbage Bags
- Air Fresheners
- Stamps
- Business-sized Envelopes
- Printable Address Labels, 1" x 2 5/8"
- Printable Address Labels, 1 1/3 x 4"

### My Journey to His Hands

*By Pat Sanford, Clinic Stats Volunteer*

God has a very unique plan for each of our lives, and I am no different. Andi Doane, the director, asked me to share about how God's plan prepared me for working at His Hands.

For the first 60 years of my life, I pretty much knew and followed His plan for me. I married my childhood sweetheart, raised 4 children, and have been the proud grandmother of 10. Professionally, I was a stay-at-home mom and later became a medical transcriptionist where I worked in a doctor's office for 15 years. I retired at 62, but certainly did not feel tired!

After retiring, I began to seek God's plan for my life. I found myself wondering, "What's the next chapter in my life going to look like?" I sought the counsel and prayers of many godly people. There were many opportunities I could choose to get involved with. However, God seemed to be closing various doors, either through lack of interest on my part or the timing wasn't right.

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While I was seeking God's place for me, I drew much closer to Him as I was spending more time listening and allowing Him to lead me. I felt pulled to serve in the medical field, but in what capacity? Carol Berchenbriter, a friend and His Hands volunteer, asked if I had checked into the clinic. She felt with my background that it might be a possibility. After much prayer, I interviewed with Andi. I found that through my experience in a medical office, God had prepared me for lots of avenues including scheduling, receptionist and clerical work.

Thus began a new chapter in God's continuing plan for my life. I am thankful to Him for leading me to this fulfilling weekly commitment at His Hands.



Hi All,

Each year the confirmation class learns about a lot of things, including the history of our church. In just over a year Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church will be celebrating its 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. In recognition of this I will be reprinting the history of Hus Church starting this month and continuing of the next year.

## **A HISTORY OF HUS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.**

*ADAPTED FROM A HISTORICAL TREATISE WRITTEN BY CHARLOTTE STELCIK*

Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, began as one of two Protestant Czech churches in the city. The building that currently is home to the church is located between J Street SW and Bowling Street SW on 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The actual address is 2808 Schaeffer Drive SW. Why give a different location

than the actual address? Because Schaeffer Drive SW is only about 3 blocks long making it difficult to find. To really understand the hardships and the prosperous times that this church has undergone, we must go back into history and trace the steps of the Czech Protestant people to this day.

### **EUROPEAN BEGINNINGS**

The religious situation among the Czechs has been unique, for among no other immigrants who have come to the United States, have there been so many people who professed religious liberalism. The origin of this liberalism may be traced back to fifteenth-century Bohemia where the followers of Jan Hus sought to correct the abuses of the Roman Catholic Church and to offset Austrian autocracy with Czech democracy. For two centuries following Jan Hus, Protestantism was the dominant religion of Bohemia; then came the defeat of the Czechs in the battle of White Mountain and the subsequent supremacy of Austria and the Roman Catholic Church. Many of the Protestants fled to other countries or remained in Bohemia to worship in secret, still clinging to the motto of Jan Hus, "Seek the truth, hold the truth."

Perhaps it would be well to say a few words here about Jan Hus and his beliefs. To Bohemia Jan Hus is more than a religious reformer; he is the national hero, the great prophet of the Czechs. In lofty idealism and courage as well as in dramatic details, and in his martyrdom, his life was not unlike that of the great prophets of the past, and is even today a source of inspiration to the Czechs. Also they consider the Hussite wars the most glorious periods of their history. Through the moral courage of his convictions and his ideals, and through the influence he exercised, Jan Hus merits a distinguished place among the forerunners of modern thinkers who advocated freedom of thought.

The direct causes of the Hussite movement were in nature religious, social, and national in character. Among the first causes was the corruption of the Roman Catholic Church. In 1419 the Hussites, radicals and moderates agreed on a common program called the Four Articles of Prague, stipulating first, that the Gospel should freely be preached; second, that all mortal sins and other misdemeanors against the laws of God should be prohibited and prosecuted; third, that Holy Communion under both kinds should be taken by all; and last, the priests should abandon all possession of worldly goods and should live up to the teachings of Christ. The Hussite wars are of great importance as the first significant effort made by a whole nation against the authority of the Roman Catholic Church, and as the first attempt of its kind in asserting the modern principle of freedom of conscience and of democracy.

In spite of the Hussite movements, Catholicism soon became the prevailing religion in Bohemia, and ninety-six percent of the people professed the faith. After the Toleration Patent of 1781, issued by Joseph II of Austria, religious freedom was granted to Lutherans and Calvinists but not to the Bohemian (Moravian) Brethren. Protestants, Catholics, and Free-Thinkers, made up the Czech immigration to the United States.

In the nineteenth century when a liberal trend appeared in Bohemia, Charles Havlivek, with his anti-clerical ideas led a movement against the Roman church and some of the liberal-minded Czechs, who had fled from Bohemia during the revolution of 1848, renounced a religion which to them was associated with the Austrian autocracy. They gladly welcomed the American idea of the separation of church and state.

Because of Him ~ Terry

*"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."*

*Psalms 100 (NIV), A psalm. For giving thanks.*

### Upcoming Meetings - November

- Join us on November 7<sup>th</sup> for "The Rookie" (2002); the movie is about 127 minutes so please plan accordingly. Get to the youth room early for a seat, as we will start at 5:15 PM with prayer, pizza, pop, and the movie. Please bring \$3 to help cover cost of the pizza and pop.
- On the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> we will gather from 5:45 to 6:45 PM.
- For youth group on the 21<sup>st</sup> we encourage everyone to join for the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service at Hope Lutheran Church at 7 PM.

*Events not scheduled yet will be announced as far in advance as possible so you can make plans to attend.*

### Upcoming Events

#### November

1 <sup>st</sup>	89.1 Family Skate at Super Skate on Northland Ave. NE from 6:30 - 8:30 PM
6 <sup>th</sup>	Election Day
7 <sup>th</sup>	Movie Night starts at 5:15 PM
10 <sup>th</sup>	2007 HRL Race #10 and Finals. Registration at 9:30 AM. Racing at 10 AM.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Veterans' Day
21 <sup>st</sup>	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service at Hope Lutheran Church at 7 PM
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thanksgiving Day
27 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Ministry Parents Meeting, 7:30 PM at Cold Stone Creamers across from Best Buy.

**Fellowship Activity:** Family Game Night, December 28<sup>th</sup>. More information in the December newsletter.

**Every Monday:** Youth Prayer Time, 7 PM from where ever you are.

**Every Friday:** Breakfast Club at Kennedy High School, Room 162 beginning at 7 AM. For more information contact Bob Dye at 393-7996 or email him at bob@eiayfc.com.

*Times subject to change.*

### A Moment With God

*Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Eternal King,  
Who feeds the whole world with Your goodness,  
With grace, with loving kindness, and with tender mercy.  
You give food to all flesh,  
For Your loving kindness endures forever.  
Through Your great goodness, food has never failed us.  
O may it not fail us forever, for Your name's sake,  
Since You nourish and sustain all living things,  
And do good to all,  
And provide food for all Your creatures  
Whom You have created.  
Blesses are You, O Lord, Who gives food to all.*








*- A Hebrew Blessing*

*"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."*

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				<b>1</b> The Spirit Family Skate Night at Super Skate - 6:30 PM Women's Bible study at the Page's - 7:30 PM	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Worship Service / Communion - 9:30 AM Teaching: Rev Cheryl McCullough Sunday School - 10:45 AM 	<b>5</b> Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM Nominating Committee Meeting - 7 PM	<b>6</b> Quilters - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study - 1:30 PM Trustees meeting - 7:00 PM 	<b>7</b> Common Meal - 5:15 PM Youth Group Movie Night - 5:15 PM Choir - 7:00 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	<b>8</b> Women's Bible study at the Page's - 7:30 PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Hus Racing League Season Finale Registration- 9:30 AM Racing begins-10 AM
<b>11</b> Veteran's Day Worship Service - 9:30 AM Teaching: Everett Eschen Sunday School - 10:45 AM	<b>12</b> Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	<b>13</b> Quilters - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study - 1:30 PM Deacons meeting - 6:30 PM	<b>14</b> Common Meal - 5:15 PM Youth Group - 5:45 PM Choir - 6:45 PM Ecumenical Choir Practice at Hus- 7:45 PM - 8:15 PM Worship Team- 8:30 PM	<b>15</b> Youth For Christ Annual Fundraising Banquet - 6:30 PM Women's Bible study at the Page's - 7:30 PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Hus Worship Team at Mission of Hope - 6:30 PM
<b>18</b> Worship Service - 9:30 AM Teaching: Rev Cheryl McCullough Congregational Meeting immediately following the service Sunday School - 10:45 AM	<b>19</b> Choir - 6:45 PM Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM Ecumenical Choir Practice at Hus- 7:45 PM - 8:30 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	<b>20</b> Quilters - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study - 1:30 PM Session meeting - 7:00 PM	<b>21</b> Ecumenical choir warm up at Hope- 6:00 PM Ecumenical Worship Service at Hope Lutheran - 7:00 PM 	<b>22</b> Thanksgiving Day Office closed 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Worship Service - 9:30 AM Teaching: Ken Graham Sunday School - 10:45 AM 	<b>26</b> Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	<b>27</b> Quilters - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study - 1:30 PM Youth Parents Meeting at Cold Stone Creamery on 1st Ave. SE - 7:30 PM	<b>28</b> Common Meal - 5:15 PM Youth Group - 5:45 PM Choir - 6:45 PM Worship Team- 8:30 PM	<b>29</b> Lunch Bunch - 11:30 AM Women's Bible study at the Page's - 7:30 PM	<b>30</b>	

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